

# Framing of climate change in newspaper coverage of the East Anglia e-mail scandal

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#### Abstract:

In late 2009, a series of e-mails related to climate research were made public following the hacking into a server and the e-mail accounts of researchers at the University of East Anglia Climate Research Unit. According to some skeptics of climate change research, the content of those e-mails suggested data were being manipulated, while climate scientists said their words were taken out of context. The news coverage of this scandal provides an opportunity to consider media framing. This study has two aims: to extend previous research using a cluster analysis technique to discern frames in media texts; and to provide insight into newspaper coverage of the scandal, which is often referred to as "Climategate." This study examines the frames present in two British and two American newspapers' coverage of the issue.

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### **Resource Description**

#### Communication: M

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

#### Communication Audience: M

audience to whom the resource is directed

Public, Researcher

Other Communication Audience: Media

Exposure: M

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

**Unspecified Exposure** 

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

## **Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal**

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Europe

European Region/Country: European Country

Other European Country: England

Health Impact: M

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Health Outcome Unspecified

Resource Type: **№** 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Research Article

Timescale: M

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified